

Celebrating Collaboration

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body

You can get involved in the HSCB by joining a workgroup!

WHERE CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

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What's New in Livingston County?

A new support program!

Community Mental Health is pleased to announce its new program, *In This Together*. It is available for all Livingston County residents who have been experiencing isolation and other issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are two virtual support groups, one designated for anyone who has been experiencing isolation or other pandemic-related issues, and the other support group is specifically for healthcare workers, front-line workers, and first responders. There will also be more activities and groups in the coming months which promote community inclusion and wellness including cooking groups and craft groups.

In This Together provides individual peer support to people in the community who need additional support. All services provided by this program are free and no insurance is required to participate.

If you or someone you know could utilize these services, please contact Monica Place at (517) 861-6076 or mplace@cmhliv.org.

OLHSA'S UPDATES

Do you need a new energy-efficient refrigerator?

Find out if you're eligible to receive a DTE Energy Star refrigerator by calling (248)209-2616 or by emailing: EEA@OLHSA.org.

Along with our partners from Livingston County Continuum of Care, OLHSA believes **access to safe shelter is a human right**. This holiday season we are working to give the gift of home by raising awareness about homelessness support.

If you are in need of safe shelter in Livingston County, OLHSA can help. Find support by phone (248)520-9673 or email hara@OLHSA.org.

To support safe shelter donate to:
<https://www.olhsa.org/donate-now>

Upcoming Events:

12/2/21 - Improve Your Credit webinar. Register here:
<https://www.olhsa.org/improve-your-credit-webinar-0>

12/3/21 - Virtual Trivia Fundraiser supporting Workforce Success on Friday, 12/3/21, at 7:00 p.m. Register or donate here: <https://app.mobilecause.com/e/hLlxVA?vid=n6v5ahttps://app.mobilecause.com/e/hLlxVA?vid=n6v5a>

OLHSA is hiring! Join the Weatherization team working to keep families safe, healthy, and warm in their homes. Find your living-wage career with room for growth at OLHSA here: <https://www.olhsa.org/current-job-openings>.

Workgroup Spotlight:

Abilities Alliance



The Abilities Alliance seeks to recognize individual businesses and organizations in Livingston County that demonstrate a value of people of all abilities. The purpose of this award is to:

- Recognize efforts to ensure that individuals of all abilities are provided meaningful opportunities to be actively engaged in the community
- Provide encouragement and inspiration for other businesses and organizations
- Acknowledge incremental improvement, not just financial investments

The Nomination Categories include **Digital Accessibility, Environmental Accessibility, Employment Accessibility, Accessibility Training and Awareness, and Communication Accessibility.**

Please see the [Nomination Categories](#) and use the Nomination Form to help us identify the community partners who demonstrate the value of people of all abilities. **Nominations will be accepted through Friday, December 10, 2021.** Winners will be notified in January and recognized at the Human Services Collaborative Body's Annual Meeting on February 11, 2022.

The link to the Nomination Form can be found here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/07lyGUN/accesandinclusionaward>.

COMMUNITY CONNECT 2022

An annual, county-wide resource fair connecting people with needed information, resources, and free services in a family friendly environment

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
February 5, 2022
10 am - 2 pm

2142 Community Church
7526 Grand River Ave, Brighton

More information can be found on Facebook:
[@LivCountyCommunityConnect12](#)

MASK WEARING IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Save the Date!

The Foster, Adoptive, Kinship Services (FAKS) Workgroup of the HSCB is hosting a **Fun Pasta fundraiser to benefit foster youth**. The funds raised help cover costs of extracurricular activities such as fees, equipment, uniforms, furniture, field trips, unusual clothing needs, etc., unexpected costs, or foster parent training.

You can purchase directly here:

<https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/livingston-county-faks>

- Made in the USA – Nashville, TN!
- Ships in 3-5 days directly to YOU!
- Great holiday gift for a teacher or gift exchange!
- **Sales can be made through December 12th!**

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA)

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston (SJML) has completed its Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that includes a 2021 [CHNA Report and Implementation Strategy](#).

The community has identified access to care, behavioral health, food security/access, and transportation as priority health needs in Livingston County. SJML will work with community partners to collectively address the identified priority health needs to improve the coordination and support of existing community resources.

The CHNA is a requirement of all tax-exempt hospitals that must be conducted every three years by non-profit hospitals. SJML completed this process in conjunction with other Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) hospitals in Oakland, Washtenaw, and western Wayne counties. The assessment included an in-depth review of national, state, and local data, key stakeholder interviews, and a community survey.

Throughout the process, SJML worked closely with the Livingston County Health Department as well as the Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB) Community Needs Assessment (CNA) Workgroup. Additionally, input and feedback were obtained from many of the HSCB committees, workgroups, and affiliated collaboratives.

Alzheimer's Association News

Thanks to the hard work of Alzheimer's Association advocates, Michigan approved the Association's funding request for the first-ever Dementia Unit within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. This Unit will help secure federal funding for dementia, implement dementia-related policies, and coordinate much-needed services for people affected by dementia.

After the start of the new year, there will be two Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups in Livingston County. One group will meet at Independence Village in Brighton, and the other will meet at Livingston Educational Service Agency in Howell. More details will soon be available at alz.org/gmc/offerings.

Upcoming Events

"Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" December 7, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Village Manor Retirement - 9501 E. Highland Rd., Howell

"Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" January 19, 12 - 1 p.m. at Oceola Community Center - 1661 N. Latson Rd., Howell

"Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease" January 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Salem-South Lyon District Library - 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon

To register for all classes, call 800.272.3900 or email helplinegmc@alz.org

Michigan Works! Southeast has moved!

Please help us pass the word on that **Michigan Works! Southeast has moved** to 1200 Byron Rd., Howell. We are open to helping people in their search for employment and are here to help employers who need employees. Stop by or call 517-552-2101.

Need EXPUNGEMENT?

Go to <https://www.mwse.org/expungement> to get started and to keep posted on our upcoming Clean Slate Expungement Clinic in January (date TBA). To access this resource, check out the folder here: bit.ly/3i78gh2

the quarterly quote

*Unless someone like you cares
a whole awful lot,*

Nothing is going to get better.

It's not.

- THE LORAX, DR. SEUSS

The 2022 OLHSA Walk for Warmth will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at the Hartland Community Education Center.

This family-friendly event is held annually to benefit the residents of Livingston County who are struggling to stay warm during the colder months of the year. **The funds raised stay here in our county**--and we need your help to raise awareness of the many programs that are available to assist those who are in need.



Do you know about the Healthy Kids Dental Program?

Michigan's Healthy Kids Dental (HKD), is dental coverage for your children at no cost to you. Available to children under the age of 21 who have Medicaid, HKD gives your kids exceptional dental care throughout childhood and into early adulthood with no copays or deductibles.

Yes, good dental health is about clean, strong teeth, but preventative care, such as regular cleanings and exams, goes a long way toward keeping your overall dental costs down, saving you money in the long run. Additionally, studies have shown children with healthy mouths and teeth have better school attendance. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit MyDental.org.



*Ensuring a system
of support for
members of our
community*



**Scan for Access
to Community
Resources**



Or use website:
<https://bit.ly/3kMDzgG>

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